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SUBJECT: BULGARIA: DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED

11. (SBU) The Secretary of State and Foreign Minister Kalfin signed the Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA) April 28 at a ceremony at the Council of Ministers. After the ceremony, the Embassy and the MFA exchanged diplomatic notes using cleared text from Ambassador Loftis referencing the NATO-Russia Founding Act, affirming that the U.S. has no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on Bulgarian territory. The parliamentary ratification process, required by the Bulgarian constitution, is expected to begin in four to six weeks.

12. (U) As instructed by PM/SNA, the Embassy has faxed a copy of the signed agreement in English and Bulgarian to Ambassador Loftis before sending it to PM/SNA via diplomatic pouch.

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